

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

AUTHORS GUILD, DAVID BALDACCI,
MARY BLY, MICHAEL CONNELLY, SYLVIA
DAY, JONATHAN FRANZEN, JOHN
GRISHAM, ELIN HILDERBRAND,
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SHANBHAG LANG, VICTOR LAVALLE,
GEORGE R.R. MARTIN, JODI PICOULT,
DOUGLAS PRESTON, ROXANA ROBINSON,
GEORGE SAUNDERS, SCOTT TUROW, and
RACHEL VAIL, individually and on behalf of
others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

OPENAI INC., OPENAI LP, OPENAI LLC,
OPENAI GP LLC, OPENAI OPKO LLC,
OPENAI GLOBAL LLC, OAI CORPORATION
LLC, OPENAI HOLDINGS LLC, OPENAI
STARTUP FUND I LP, OPENAI STARTUP
FUND GP I LLC, and OPENAI STARTUP
FUND MANAGEMENT LLC,

Defendants.

JONATHAN ALTER, KAI BIRD, TAYLOR
BRANCH, RICH COHEN, EUGENE LINDEN,
DANIEL OKRENT, JULIAN SANCTON,
HAMPTON SIDES, STACY SCHIFF, JAMES
SHAPIRO, JIA TOLENTINO, and SIMON
WINCHESTER, on behalf of themselves and all
others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

OPENAI INC., OPENAI GP, LLC, OPENAI,
LLC, OPENAI OPKO LLC, OPENAI GLOBAL
LLC, OAI CORPORATION, LLC, OPENAI
HOLDINGS, LLC, and MICROSOFT
CORPORATION,

Defendants.

Case No.: 1:23-cv-08292-SHS

Case No.: 1:23-cv-10211-SHS

Case No.: 1:24-cv-00084-SHS

Hon. Sidney H. Stein

**DECLARATION OF R. JAMES
SLAUGHTER IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION TO ADMIT COUNSEL *PRO
HAC VICE***

NICHOLAS A. BASBANES and NICHOLAS
NGAGOYEANES (professionally known as
Nicholas Gage), individually and on behalf of all
others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MICROSOFT CORPORATION,
OPENAI, INC., OPENAI GP, LLC,
OPENAI HOLDINGS, LLC, OAI
CORPORATION, LLC, OPENAI
GLOBAL, LLC, OPENAI, LLC, and
OPENAI OPCO LLC,

Defendants.

R. James Slaughter, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declares under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. I am a member of the law firm of Kecker, Van Nest & Peters LLP.
2. I submit this declaration in support of my Motion to Admit Counsel *Pro Hac Vice* in the above-captioned matter.
3. I have been a member in good standing of the Bar of the State of California since December 9, 1997.
4. I attach a Certificate of Good Standing from the State of California, which was issued within thirty days of this filing, as Exhibit A to my Motion to Admit Counsel *Pro Hac Vice*.
5. I have never been convicted of a felony or been the subject of any criminal conviction.
6. I have never been censured, suspended, disbarred or denied admission or readmission by any court.
7. I have never been the subject of a disciplinary sanction and there are no disciplinary proceedings presently pending against me.

Wherefore your declarant respectfully submits that he be permitted to appear as counsel *Pro Hac Vice* in this one case on behalf of Defendants OpenAI, Inc., OpenAI GP, L.L.C., OpenAI, L.L.C., OpenAI OpCo, LLC, OpenAI Global, LLC, OAI Corporation, LLC, and OpenAI Holdings, LLC.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: April 24, 2024

/s/ R. James Slaughter
R. JAMES SLAUGHTER